

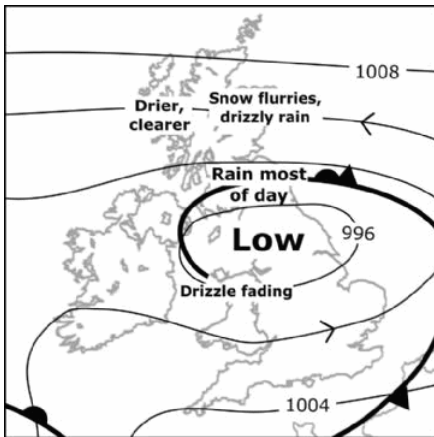
# West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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## General Summary for Wednesday, 3 April, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2024

Strong easterly winds, sub-zero on Scottish tops, significant chill factor. Persistent rain central & SE Scotland. Snow for E Highlands, mostly flurries. Extensive low cloud. Higher cloud bases, more often dry near west coast N from Mull. Frequent bursts of rain N England. Becoming often dry Wales, but strong westerlies.

### Headline for West Highlands

Cold and windy, gusty, locally gales. Patchy drizzle, flurries.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 3 April, 2024

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Easterly 25 to 35mph, strongest sustained speeds toward Loch Lomond, to often 40-45mph on Arran and Kintyre hills. Sudden gusts 40-50mph widely around major summits and ridges.</p> <p><b>Blustery with buffeting over higher exposed terrain, more arduous conditions in southern areas. Sudden gusts widely affecting balance. Significant wind chill.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Rain mostly south, snow tops</b></p> <p>Rain and drizzle most persistent central Highlands to Loch Lomond NP and Arran. Sleet or snow falling on the Munros, or increasingly lower near Creag Meagaidh. Small amounts western Lochaber.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Extensive, highest west</b></p> <p>Shrouding most hills all day, from mid-slopes upward in south and central areas. Higher cloud bases near and west of Loch Linnhe, some breaks toward upper slopes.</p> <p><b>20%, to 50% west of Loch Linnhe.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly overcast, dull.</p> <p>Some brighter skies and better visibility near west coast north from about Mull.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>0 or -1C, up to +1C west coast; falling during day, later -3C Ben Nevis range. Wind chill feeling like -10C, nearer -15C higher Munros.</p> <p>800 to 1000m, highest coastal areas.</p> <p>Tending to fall later. By evening nearer 600-700m northern Lochaber.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 4 April	Friday 5 April
<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>East to northeasterly 15 to 30mph. Starting to strengthen further overnight.</p> <p><b>In places fairly small, but blustery on some tops, with considerable wind chill where exposed.</b></p>	<p>East turning southerly, 35 to 50mph, gusts 60mph+ at first. A possible lull, but risk increasing again, further gales later.</p> <p><b>Beware of changing conditions, at times very difficult with powerful gusts to lower slopes. May improve for a time.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Mostly dry, local flurries</b></p> <p>Patchy snow or hail flurries, mostly around Creag Meagaidh, snow falling to lower elevations in the morning. Fizzling out to leave isolated brief soft hail flurries. Risk extensive hill snow arriving into night.</p>	<p><b>Snow then rain, risk wet all day</b></p> <p>Extensive snowfall likely from before dawn, toward lower slopes inland. Turning to sleet or rain to higher levels. Pulses of rain may continue, risk fairly persistent all day, heaviest toward south.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Mostly tops near/NE of Ben Nevis</b></p> <p>Banks of cloud may drift over higher slopes for periods, locally more frequent around Glen Spean. Good breaks west and south from Mull to Loch Lomond and Arran.</p> <p><b>50%</b></p>	<p><b>Extensive, lowest south</b></p> <p>Covering the hills widely from mid-slopes upward, or lower slopes in the south. Highest bases north across Lochaber, but persistent on most higher terrain.</p> <p><b>10%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun, best toward west. Visibility very good.</p>	<p>Overcast and dull. Murky especially southern areas.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-2C rising to +1C. Feeling near -10C if exposed to stronger winds in morning.</p> <p>600 to 800m in the morning, plus frost some glens at dawn. Rising toward 1000m during afternoon.</p>	<p>0 to -2C, coldest Lochaber in morning. Rising to +2C from south, later 4C Arran. Wind chill often feeling like -10C.</p> <p>Near/below freezing glens upward at first, rising variably, but likely to lift above freezing toward all tops, soonest in south.</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 4 April, 2024**

Complex areas of low pressure continue to circulate over Britain. Chilly easterly winds for Scotland through midweek, eventually turning southwesterly by the weekend with a rise of temperature by this stage. Risk of widespread upland gales Friday into the weekend. The western Highlands will generally see least precipitation and best cloud breaks. Eastern Scottish hills plus much of England and Wales more often affected by low cloud and periods of rain or hill snow. Fresh snow accumulations over the Highlands. England and especially Wales typically above freezing to tops.

**Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 2 April, 2024**

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